Communication Topics 2018-2019

My Child/My Student — Parents and Teachers Communicating

Month	College and Career Readiness Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other	Student Safety Topic	Parent and Teachers: Sample questions to consider when communicating with each other
August	Setting Goals	• What goals should my child/my student set for this school year? • What activities can help my child/my student reach those goals? • What resources are available to help my child/my student if he/she is struggling to reach goals? • How will progress be measured, communicated and celebrated?	School Bus Safety	• What school bus safety tips should I share with my child/my student? • As a motorist, what can I do to ensure safety for all students? • What information about the Flashing Red. Kids Ahead. campaign can I share with others?
September	R.I.S.E. Arkansas	• How can I get involved in the R.I.S.E. (Reading Initiative for Student Excellence) Arkansas campaign? • What reading assistance resources are available to help my child/my student? • How can I promote a culture of reading?	Mental Health Awareness	• How can I encourage positive mental health behaviors? • What are signs that my child/my student may be struggling with a problem? • What resources are available to help my child/my student develop healthy mental health behaviors?
October	Family and Community Engagement	• How can I encourage the community to be actively involved in my child's/my student's school? • How will family and community engagement help my child/my student academically? • How can I become more engaged in my community?	National Substance Abuse Prevention Month	• How can I get involved in Red Ribbon Week activities? • How can I promote a drug-free lifestyle throughout the year? • What substance abuse assistance and resources are available?

November	Internship / Job Shadowing	- How can internships and job shadowing activities help my child/my student prepare for the future? - What internship and job shadowing opportunities are available for my child? - How can I partner with the community and local businesses to increase internship and job shadowing opportunities?	Anti-Bullying	- How can I promote a safe environment, free from bullying? - What should my child/my student do if he/she experiences cyberbullying or knows someone who has been cyberbullied? - What resources are available to help my child/my student if he/she has been bullied or is bullying others?
December	Computer Science	- Why is it important for my child/my student to have strong computer skills? - What computer science classes and resources are available for my child/my student? - What resources are available to help my child/my student learn more about opportunities in the computer science field?	Texting and Driving Hazards	- What information about the dangers of texting and driving can I share with my child/my student? - What safe driving expectations should I share with my child/my student? - How can my child/my student encourage other students to practice safe driving habits?
January	Building Character	- Why is building character important for my child/my student? - What activities can I do with my child/my student to nurture and build strong character skills? - How does volunteering build character?	Child Abduction / Human Trafficking	- What are some child abduction / human trafficking safety tips that I can share with my child/my student? - What child safety activities are available through my local police department? - What should my child/my student do if approached by someone who makes him/her feel uncomfortable?
February	Testing	- How do assessments improve learning? - How can I help prepare my child/my student for testing? - What can I do to reduce test anxiety?	American Heart Month	- How can I encourage my child/my student to lead a heart healthy lifestyle? - What are symptoms of heart-related illnesses? - What resources are available that promote heart health?

March	Fine Arts	- Why is it important for my child/my student to participate in fine arts activities? - How do fine arts activities promote creativity and innovation? - What fine arts classes are available to my child/my student? - How can my child/my student get involved in community activities that promote creativity?	National Nutrition Month	- How do eating habits affect my child/my student academically? - What resources are available to help my child/my student practice healthy nutrition habits? - How can my child/my student encourage others to eat healthy?
April	National Volunteer Month	- How does volunteering help my child/my student academically? - What volunteer activities are available for my child/my student? - How can I promote the importance of volunteering?	National Child Abuse Prevention Month	- What are some safety tips I can share with my child/my student? - Who are mandated child abuse reporters? - What should my child/my student do if he/she is being abused or knows someone who is being abused?
May	Keep Learning	- What are ongoing learning expectations for my child/my student? - What summer reading programs are available? - Where can my child/my student learn more about educational activities in our community?	Summer Safety	- What summer safety tips should I share with my child/my student? - How can I promote the proper use of safety equipment such as seat belts, life jackets and bicycle helmets? - How can my child/my student promote summer safe habits?